



BANGABAZAR FIRE: VICTIMS SUPPORT REPORT

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The fire broke out at the Bangabazar market around 6:10 am

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INCIDENT OVERVIEW

On the morning of April 4th, 2023, a devastating fire broke out in the Bangabazar clothing market located in Dhaka, the capital city of Bangladesh. This incident resulted in the complete destruction of the market, with thousands of stores being lost and significant damage to surrounding structures and caused injuries to 18 individuals, including 12 firefighters.

Despite the combined efforts, nearly 6,000 stores were destroyed, causing an estimated loss of at least 10 billion BDT. The incident occurred during the holy Islamic month of Ramadan, leading up to the festive celebration of Eid al-Fitr, when many traders had purchased new clothes using their earnings from the previous year. While some vendors managed to salvage their items during the emergency, many were unable to save anything.

NEARLY

6,000

STORES WERE
DESTROYED

ESTIMATED LOSS

10

BILLION BDT

INJURIES

18

INDIVIDUALS AND
FIREFIGHTERS



P4H volunteers are helping with rescue and emergency relief efforts

WHAT WE DID

We immediately responded to the fire incident at the Bangabazar clothing market. Our dedicated volunteers collaborated with government agencies and rescue teams to deliver prompt aid. Our team assisted in extinguishing the fire, ensuring the safety of individuals, and facilitating evacuation procedures. Understanding the immense financial losses endured by the traders, shop employees, and those connected to Bangabazar, who have lost their livelihoods and fallen into destitution, we stand in solidarity with them by offering financial assistance. We support them to empower start anew, establish businesses, and regain stability in their lives.





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A businessman is seen crying in front of the debris of Bangabazar Market fire

WHERE WE DID IT

Our emergency rescue support operations took place at the Bangabazar clothing market in Gulistan, Dhaka. We also organized a Financial Assistance Giving program in Dhaka.

WHEN WE DID

Our initiatives were undertaken from April to May 2023.

WHY WE DID

The extent of the fire and the extent of damage was so great that there was a need for cooperation from all levels. From our side, volunteers actively participated in firefighting operations, working tirelessly to extinguish the flames and aiding in the safe evacuation of the traders' goods.

With the destruction of approximately 6,000 shops, a large number of traders, shop workers, and their dependents were left unemployed and in a vulnerable state. Recognizing the crucial role these businesses played as the primary source of income for thousands of families, we understood the urgency of providing support. By offering financial assistance for rehabilitation, our objective was to aid them in restarting their businesses, rebuilding their lives, and overcoming the hardships caused by the fire incident.

EMERGENCY RESCUE EFFORT

On the day of the incident, our dedicated volunteers swiftly responded to the emergency after receiving information about the fire. They courageously worked with other government agencies to extinguish the fire, providing vital assistance to the affected traders and aiding in the evacuation of their goods. In addition, our team diligently compiled a comprehensive list of the victims present at the scene on the day of the incident, ensuring accurate documentation for further support and assistance.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

In our endeavor to aid the affected businessmen and employees of Bangabazar, we extended our support to 60 small traders and workers by providing them with Tk 20,000 in cash. This financial assistance aims to empower them in restarting their small businesses and providing support to their families during these challenging times. By offering this financial assistance, we strive to contribute to their economic recovery and provide a stepping stone towards rebuilding their livelihoods.



GLIMPSES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Photo: Some happy faces after receiving checks with P4H volunteers



Photo: Looking at the faces of recipients of the check, it seems that they have received a glimmer of hope.



Photo: Joyful Moments: Receiving Checks and Embracing Hope.

TESTIMONIAL

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I have been working in Bangabazar market since 13 years, our dreams were burnt in front of us, we just stood there fasting in the month of Ramadan. It was very difficult for me to control myself, understand. This is the only means of sustenance for my family. However, a few Within hours, everything was lost and I found myself destitute.

The support and assistance provided by P4H gave me hope. Thank you for organizing such a beautiful event. With the help I received, I can now start rebuilding my life and possibly be engaged in something smaller than myself again. I am deeply grateful for your support during this challenging time.

Abdur Rahman
Cash Money Recipient

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We had two stores in Bangamarket. We had bread in both those shops. The burning of two shops at the same time left us quite destitute and it was hard for us to accept it. In one day all our sources of income are stopped and our life is once uncertain with no lenders. Carrying children and families has become difficult for us. Everything is God's will.

Thanks to Project for Humanity for supporting us with such a beautiful event. Like many others, you have stood by us. Your cooperation shows us the dream of starting the store again.

Fatema Begum
Cash Money Recipient

FINANCIAL

FUND RAISED

≈ \$ 15,000.00

EXPENSES

≈ \$15,000.00

THANK YOU

for supporting us in implementing these initiatives among the fire victims.

“ We have provided financial assistance for rehabilitation of more than 60 victims ”

